

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX: CHALLENGES AND TRENDS

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International Public Sector Financial Accountability Index: 2021 Status Report



- Index compiled by CIPFA and IFAC
- 2nd Status Report (original in 2018)
 - 2020 Index
 - 2025 Forecasts
 - 2030 Projections
- 165 jurisdictions (vs 150 in 2018)
- Financial reporting basis (cash, partial accrual, accrual)
- Financial reporting framework (Approach to IPSAS usage?)
- Pathways to Accrual (Study 14 update) – due late Autumn 2021

2020 Index: Practical Challenges



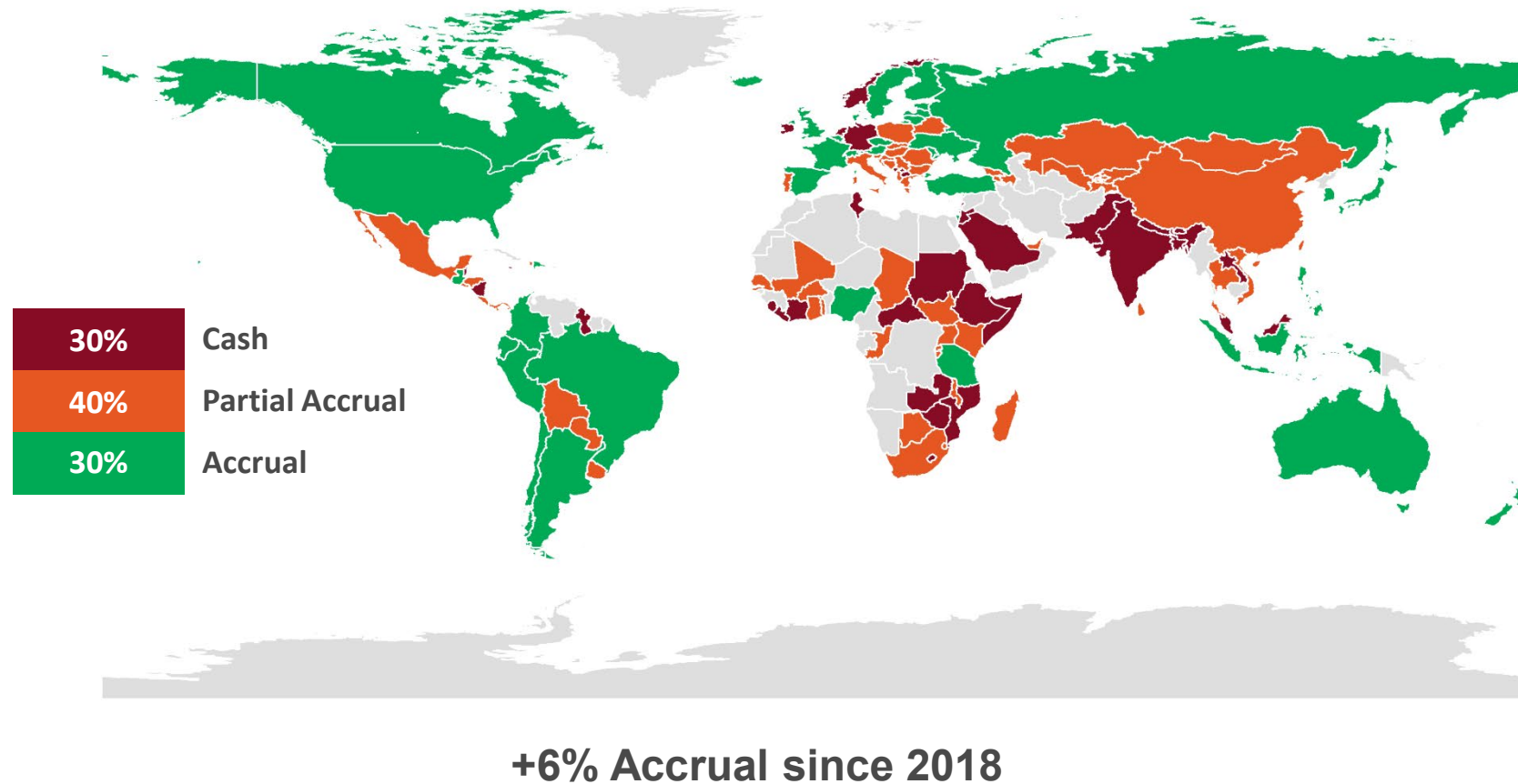
- Jurisdiction-level contacts:
 - Lack of central database – importance of partner organizations e.g. World Bank
 - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – ability to use 2018 contacts?
 - Staff changes since 2018
- Refinements to 2018 questions
- Database rebuild
- Translation
- Data verification
- Pandemic started just as ready to launch
- Marathon rather than sprint.....

Data Quality Policies



- Looking for evidence of accrual implementation
- Accrual adoption decisions different to implementation and insufficient in absence of implementation evidence
- Accrual categorisation most difficult to demonstrate:
 - Published verifiable accounts required
 - Without this evidence 2020 basis ‘downgraded’ to Partial Accrual
 - Adoption in legislation or regulations helpful, but not definitive
- 2025 ‘Forecast’ vs 2030 ‘Projection’
 - 2025 forecasts: reviewed available plans and progress reports – team judgement
 - 2030 projections: lesser burden of evidence due to period involved
- IPSAS framework usage inevitably more judgemental

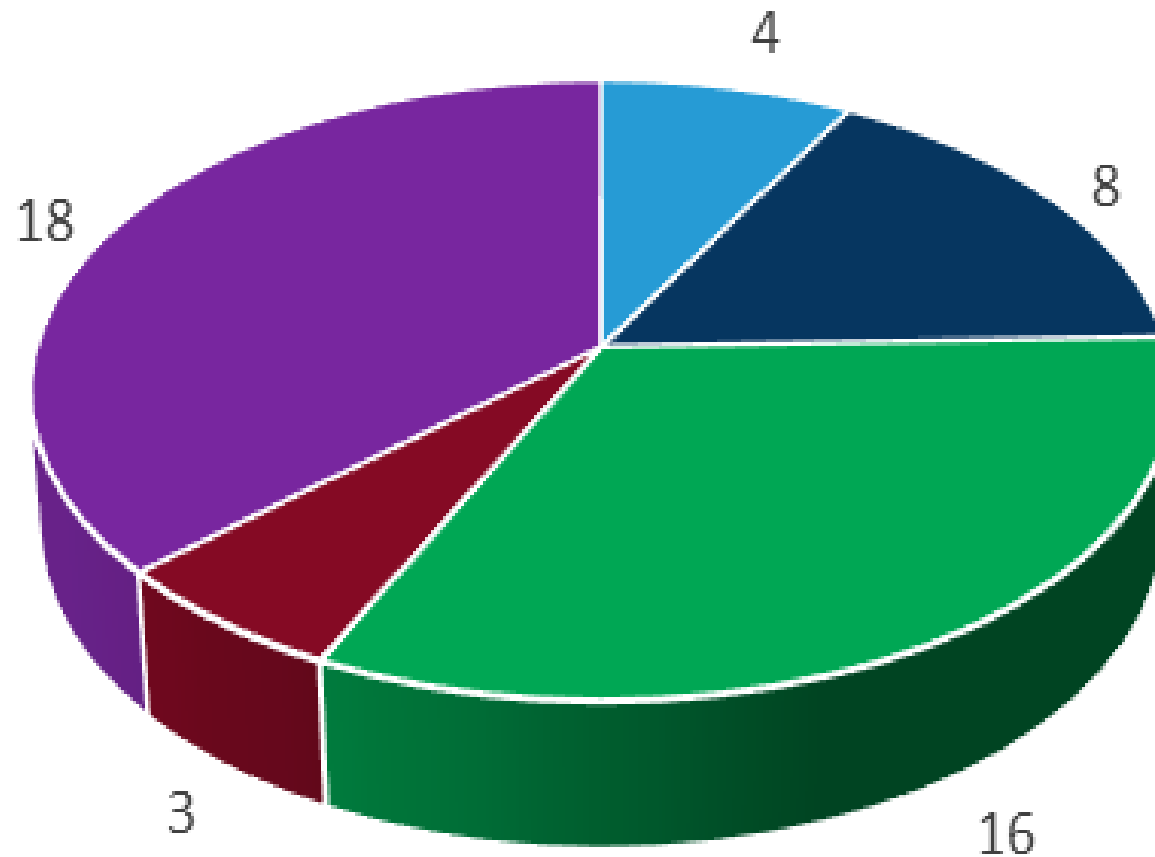
2020 Index: 30% of Jurisdictions Reported on Accrual



2020 Index: Financial Reporting Framework: 57% of Jurisdictions on Accrual Made Use of IPSAS

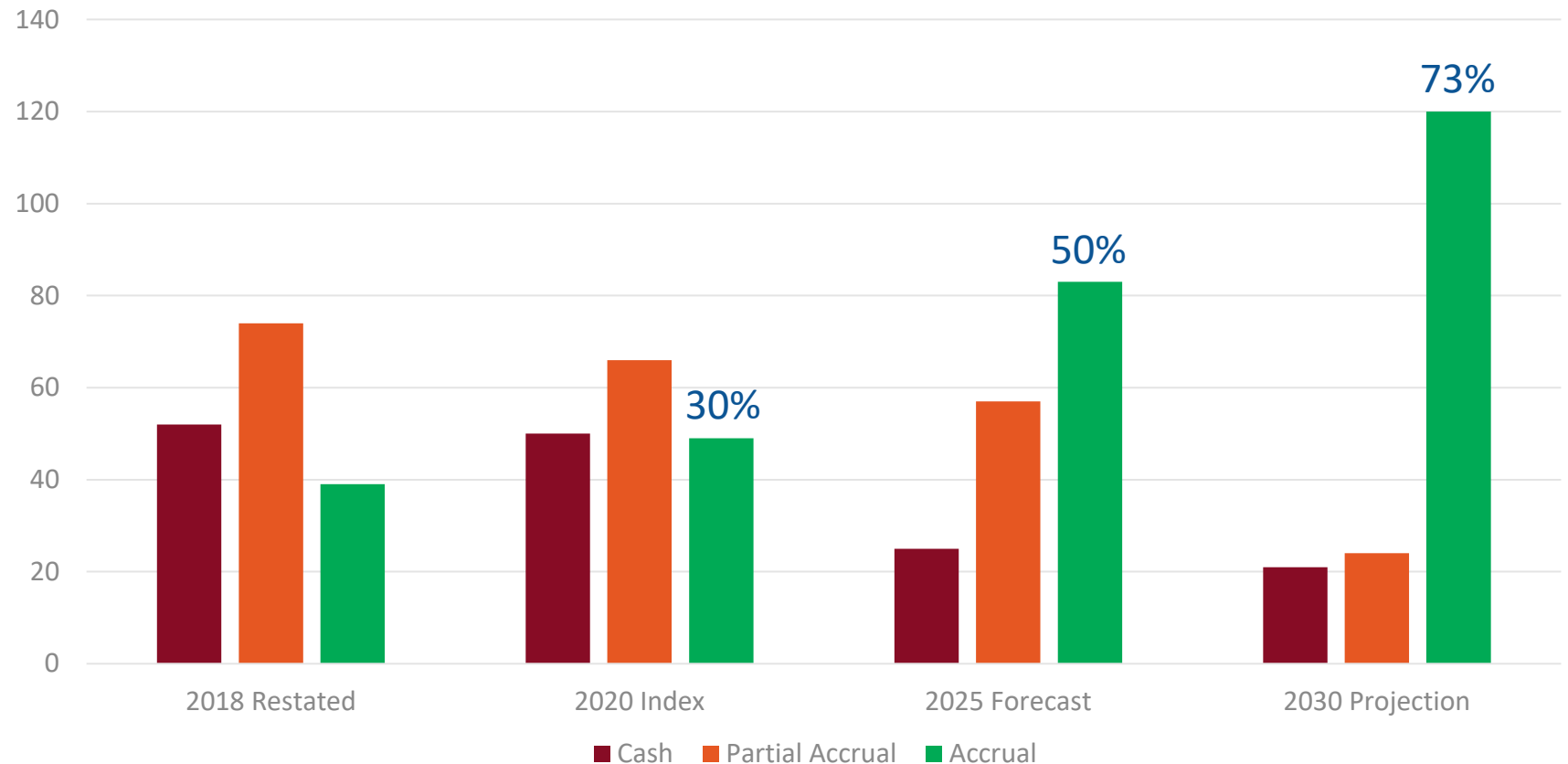


2020 – 49 Jurisdictions



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- National standards: with reference to IPSAS
- IFRS modified for the local context
- National standards: other

Global Trends (1): Continuing Shift from Cash to Accrual

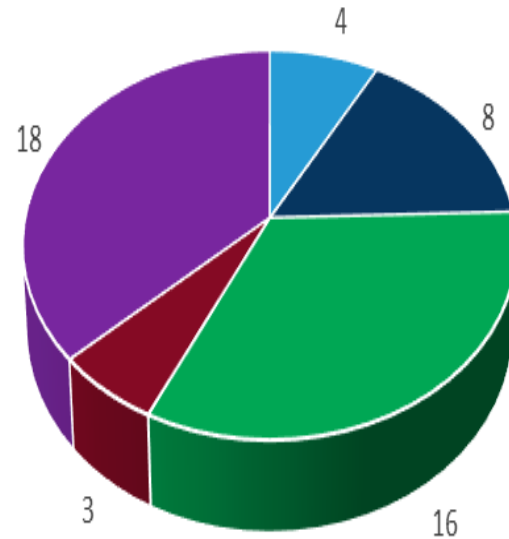


IPSAS usage and influence increasing in parallel

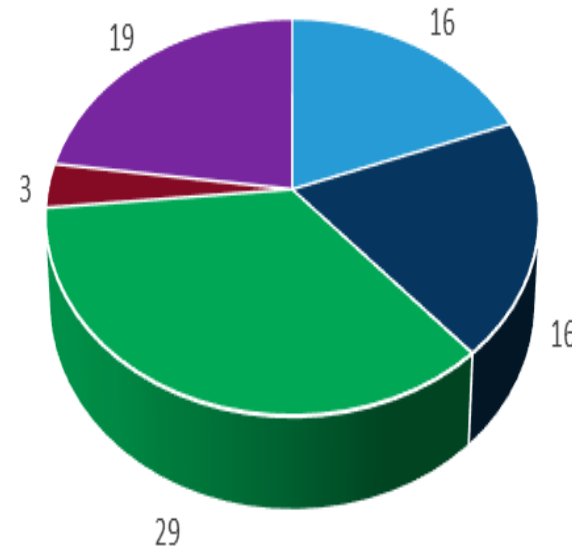
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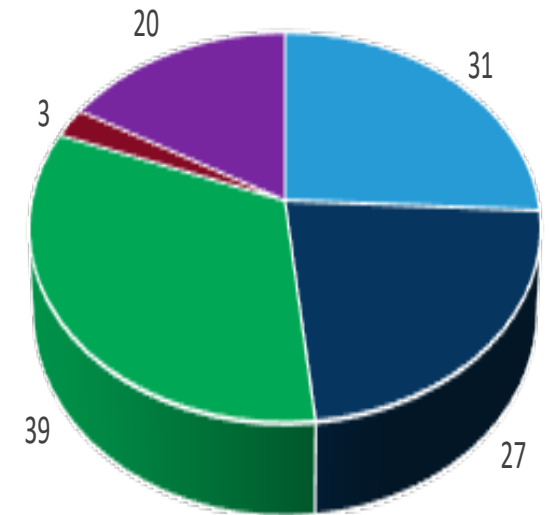
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2025 Forecast
83 Jurisdictions

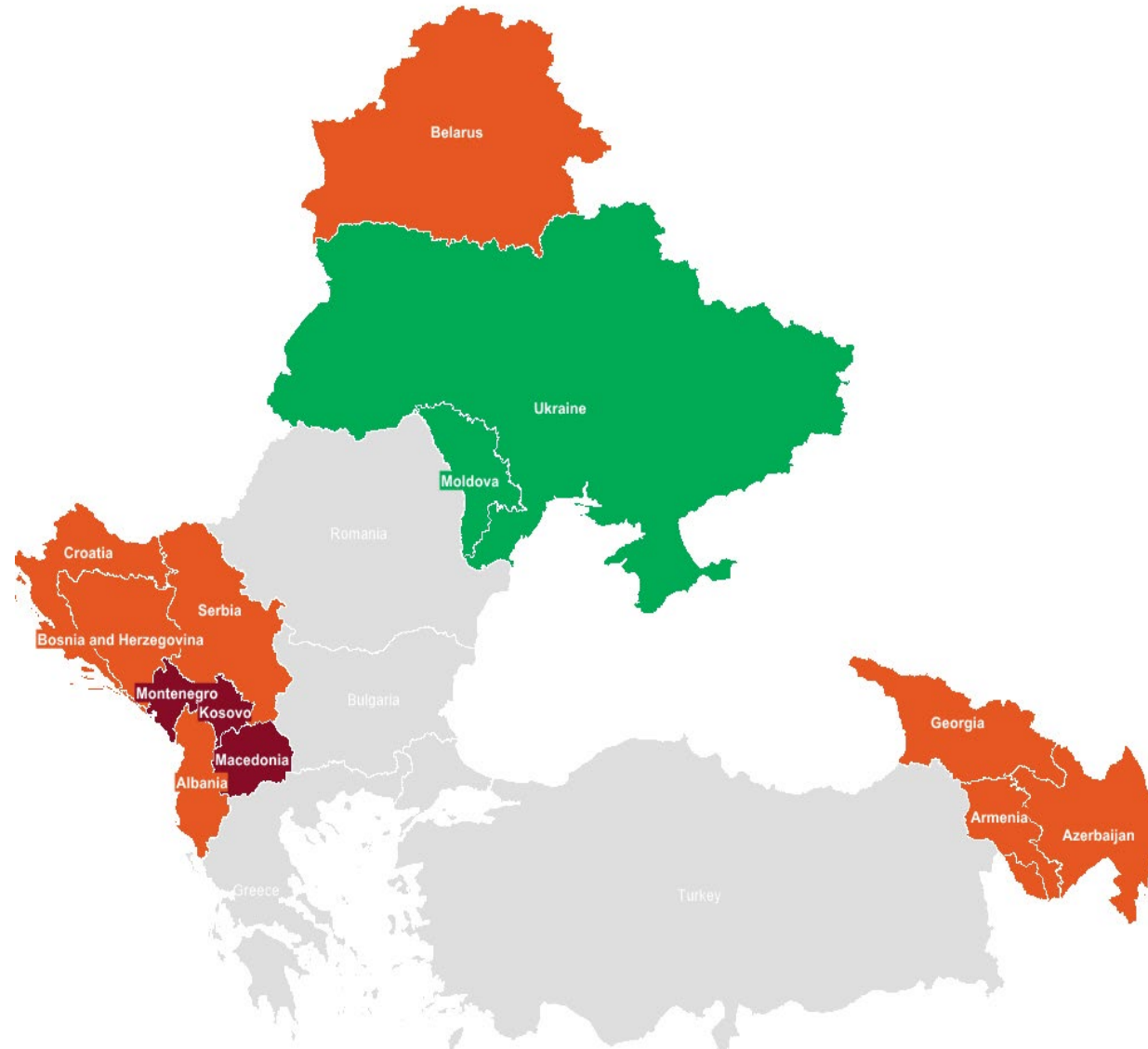
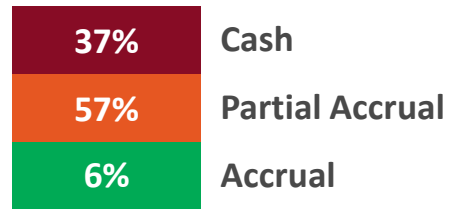


2030 Projection
120 Jurisdictions

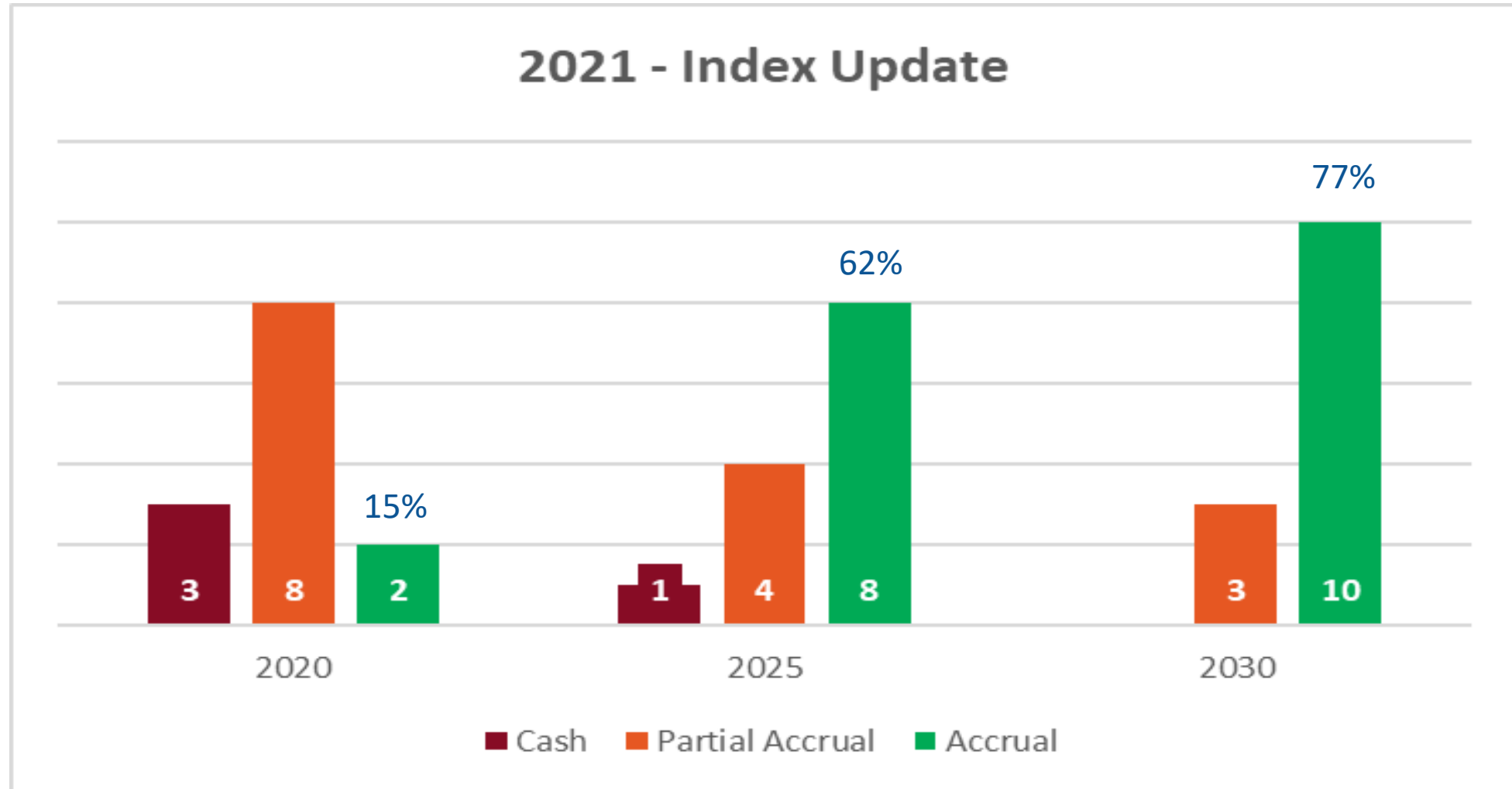


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2020 Index: PULSAR overview – 13 jurisdictions



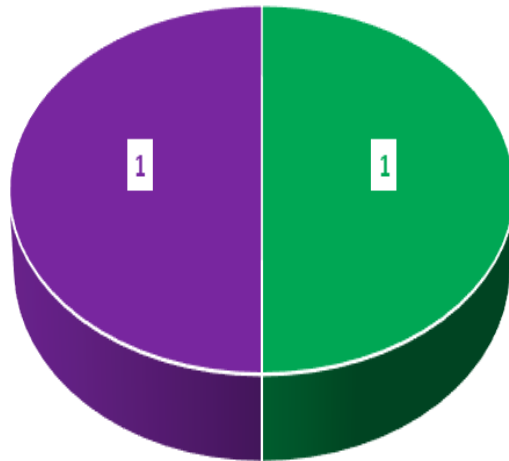
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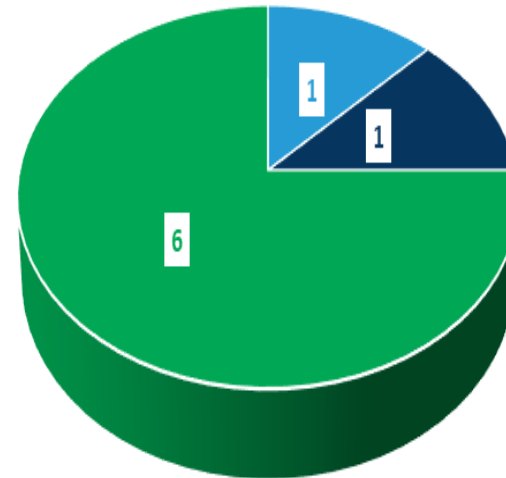
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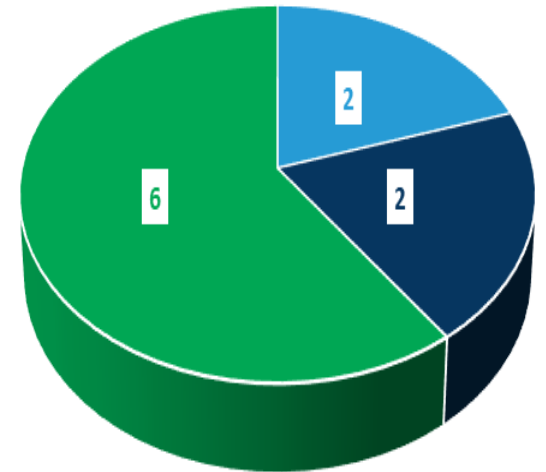
**2020 Index
2 Jurisdictions**



**2025 Forecast
8 Jurisdictions**



**2030 Projection
10 Jurisdictions**



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Next steps.....



- Add accounts pdfs to IFAC ‘Global Impact Map’
 - <https://www.ifac.org/what-we-do/global-impact-map/accountability>
- Next Index update 2022 or 2023
 - Coordinate with data partners e.g. World Bank/PULSAR, ADB, Eurostat
 - Links to regional events
 - Extend trend evidence – build on current 4 data points
 - Minimal changes to questions
- Expand jurisdiction coverage further – Africa, Asia, Middle East
- Expansion outside federal / central government on hold

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